

*It's the*

# *Forty Niner* *in '49*



**PRESS, RADIO  
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## **GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION:**

As we of the San Francisco 49ers embark upon our fourth season of play in the All America Football Conference, we do so with sincere gratitude to all of you for your splendid support and cooperation in the past and with a firm hope that the same spirit of cooperation will be evident in the future.

In the past three years we feel the AAFC has given football fans the type competition they want, however, the goal of the San Francisco entry has yet to be attained. For three seasons now the 49ers have finished "runners-up" in the Western Division behind the Cleveland Browns. This year our motto is "IT'S THE 49ERS IN '49." Coach L. T. "Buck" Shaw, in striving to make this motto a reality has filled the 49ers roster with proven veterans and promising rookies, thus assuring San Francisco fans of a representative body in the pennant race.

Any success we may have enjoyed thus far is largely attributable to the excellent coverage given our club by the Gentlemen of the Press, Radio and Television. Primarily through this coverage the San Francisco 49ers have, in three years, pioneered successfully professional football in the Bay Area and brought national sport recognition to our Bay City.

We wish to thank you for this support and we sincerely hope that we will warrant the same unbiased coverage during the '49 season. We appreciate the fact that we cannot expect this without first proving ourselves. We fully realize that it is through the mediums of criticism and suggestion that improvements are made and mistakes corrected. With these thoughts in mind we enter the 1949 campaign.

We want you to know that the 49er staff is at your service at any and all times. Kindly feel free to call on us and we will do everything in our power to fulfill your requests.

It is our sincere wish that the '49 season will find you not only following us in our twelve conference encounters but also into the AAFC playoffs, at which time we hope to bring to San Francisco and the Pacific Coast their first major league professional crown.

Cordially,

A. J. MORABITO

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## DIRECTORY OF THE ALL AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

### BALTIMORE COLTS

Address: 6 So. Howard St.  
Baltimore 1, Md.  
Phone: SARatoga 4940  
Head Coach: Cecil Isbell  
Publicity: Ed Adams  
Home Stadium: Babe Ruth Stadium  
Colors: Green and Silver

### BUFFALO BILLS

Address: 996 Ellicott Sq. Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Phone: CLeveland 5215  
Head Coach: Lowell "Red" Dawson  
Publicity: Dick Stedler  
Home Stadium: Civic Stadium  
Colors: Silver and Royal Blue

### CHICAGO HORNETS

Address: 28 East Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago 4, Illinois  
Phone: WEbster 9-4450  
Head Coach: Ray "Red" Flaherty  
Publicity: George Janda  
Home Stadium: Soldier Field  
Colors: Scarlet and White

### CLEVELAND BROWNS

Address: 405 Leader Bldg.  
Cleveland 4, Ohio  
Phone: TOWER 1-0874  
Head Coach: Paul Brown  
Publicity: Russell Gestner  
Home Stadium: Municipal Stadium  
Colors: Brown, Orange and White

### LOS ANGELES DONS

Address: 607 So. Hill Street  
Los Angeles 14, Calif.  
Phone: MADison 6-2295  
Head Coach: James Phelan  
Publicity: Ted Bentley  
Home Stadium: Los Angeles  
Coliseum  
Colors: Red, White and Blue

### NEW YORK YANKEES

Address: Madison Hotel—Rm. 2R  
15 E. 58th St., New York.  
Phone: VOLunteer 5-5000  
Head Coach: Norman "Red" Strader  
Publicity: Arthur Mann  
Home Stadium: Yankee Stadium  
Colors: Silver and Navy Blue

### CONFERENCE OFFICE

Address.....7704 Empire State Bldg.  
New York 1, N. Y.  
Phone: LACKawanna 4-9515  
Commissioner.....O. O. Kessing  
Publicity Director.....Joseph Petrutz  
Statistics.....Homer Cooke

## ORGANIZATION AND CLUB OFFICIALS

Official Name.....San Francisco Forty Niners  
Location.....212 Stockton Street, San Francisco 8, California  
Phone: DOuglas 2-3812

### CLUB OFFICIALS

Co-Owner.....Anthony J. Morabito  
Co-Owner.....Victor P. Morabito

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw  
Assistant Coach.....James W. "Jim" Lawson  
Assistant Coach.....Edward "Eddie" Erdelatz  
Trainer.....Robert "Bob" Kleckner

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Business Manager.....Louis G. Spadia  
Publicity Director.....Robert J. "Buzz" McGee  
Assistant Publicity Director.....Daniel J. "Danny" Galvin  
Equipment Manager....."Ziggy" Zamlynsky  
Secretary.....Rosemary Burke  
Ticket Manager.....Lionel B. Samuel

### TICKET AGENCIES

#### THE FORTY NINERS

212 Stockton St.  
San Francisco, Cal.

#### CRANE BOX OFFICE

245 Powell St.  
San Francisco, Cal.

#### ROOS. BROS. DEPT. STORES

10 Bay Area

#### SPIRO'S SPORT SHOP

#### HIRSCH & PRICE CLOTHING STORE

#### SALLY MORRISON TRAVEL AGENCY

San Mateo

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When	Who	Opp.-S.F.	Where
August 10.....	Los Angeles	7 - 28.....	Los Angeles*
August 14.....	BUFFALO	10 - 21.....	SAN FRANCISCO
August 19.....	Cleveland	21 - 21.....	Cleveland*

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		1948 Scores	
		Opp.-S.F.	
August 28.....	BALTIMORE	10 - 21.....	SAN FRANCISCO
September 4.....	CHICAGO	21 - 44.....	SAN FRANCISCO
September 18.....	LOS ANGELES	14 - 36.....	SAN FRANCISCO
September 25.....	Buffalo	28 - 38.....	Buffalo
September 30.....	Chicago	14 - 31.....	Chicago*
October 9.....	CLEVELAND	31 - 28.....	SAN FRANCISCO
October 16.....	BUFFALO	14 - 35.....	SAN FRANCISCO
October 23.....	New York	7 - 21.....	New York
October 30.....	Cleveland	14 - 7.....	Cleveland
November 6.....	Baltimore	14 - 56.....	Baltimore
November 13.....	Los Angeles	21 - 38.....	Los Angeles
November 27.....	NEW YORK	0 - 41.....	SAN FRANCISCO

\* Indicates night game. All home games start at 2:30 PST. Nov. 27 game starts at 2:00 PST.

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50-yard line club.....	\$21.00
30-yard line club.....	\$14.40

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Reserved seats .....	\$ 3.60
	\$ 2.40
General Admission .....	\$ 1.80
High School Students.....	.75
Children under 12 years.....	.50

# ALL AMERICA CONFERENCE STANDINGS

## — 1946 —

WEST						EAST					
Club	W	L	T	Points		Club	W	L	T	Points	
				For	Agst.					For	Agst.
Cleveland	12	2	0	423	137	New York	10	3	1	270	192
<b>San Francisco</b>	9	5	0	307	189	Brooklyn	3	10	1	226	339
Los Angeles	7	5	2	305	290	Buffalo	3	10	1	249	370
Chicago	5	6	3	263	315	Miami	3	11	0	167	378

## — 1947 —

WEST						EAST					
Club	W	L	T	Points		Club	W	L	T	Points	
				For	Agst.					For	Agst.
Cleveland	12	1	1	410	185	New York	11	2	1	378	239
<b>San Francisco</b>	8	4	2	327	264	Buffalo	8	4	2	320	288
Los Angeles	7	7	0	328	256	Brooklyn	3	10	1	181	340
Chicago	1	13	0	263	425	Baltimore	2	11	1	167	377

## — 1948 —

WEST						EAST					
Club	W	L	T	Points		Club	W	L	T	Points	
				For	Agst.					For	Agst.
Cleveland	14	0	0	389	190	Buffalo	7	7	0	360	358
<b>San Francisco</b>	12	2	0	*495	248	Baltimore	7	7	0	333	327
Los Angeles	7	7	0	258	305	New York	6	8	0	265	301
Chicago	1	13	0	202	439	Brooklyn	2	12	0	253	387

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

1946—Cleveland 14, New York 9. Attendance 41,181.

1947—Cleveland 14, New York 3. Attendance 60,103.

1948—Cleveland 49, Buffalo 7. Attendance 22,981.

\* All-time major league record.

## OFFICIAL ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS

### — 1946 —

Pos.	
L.E.	<b>Alyn Beals, San Francisco</b>
L.T.	Frank Kinard, New York
L.G.	<b>B. Banducci, San Francisco</b>
C.	Bob Nelson, Los Angeles
R.G.	Bill Willis, Cleveland
R.T.	Martin Ruby, Brooklyn
R.E.	Dante Lavelli, Cleveland
Q.B.	Otto Graham, Cleveland
L.H.	Orban Sanders, New York
R.H.	Glenn Dobbs, Brooklyn
F.B.	Marion Motley, Cleveland

### — 1947 —

Pos.	
L.E.	Mac Speedie, Cleveland
L.T.	Lou Rymkus, Cleveland
L.G.	<b>B. Banducci, San Francisco</b>
C.	Bob Nelson, Los Angeles
R.G.	Bill Willis, Cleveland
R.T.	Nate Johnson, New York
R.E.	Dante Lavelli, Cleveland
Q.B.	Otto Graham, Cleveland
L.H.	Orban Sanders, New York
R.H.	Chet Mutryn, Buffalo
F.B.	Marion Motley, Cleveland

### — 1948 —

#### FIRST TEAM

Pos.	
L.E.	<b>Alyn Beals, San Francisco</b>
L.T.	Bob Reinhard, Los Angeles
L.G.	Dick Barwegan, Baltimore
C.	Bob Nelson, Los Angeles
R.G.	Bill Willis, Cleveland
R.T.	Lou Rymkus, Cleveland
R.E.	Mac Speedie, Cleveland
Q.B.	Otto Graham, Cleveland
L.H.	<b>John Strzykalski, S.F.</b>
R.H.	Chet Mutryn, Buffalo
F.B.	Marion Motley, Cleveland

#### SECOND TEAM

Pos.	
L.E.	Dante Lavelli, Cleveland
L.T.	<b>John Woudenberg, S.F.</b>
L.G.	Ed Uliniski, Cleveland
C.	Lou Saban, Cleveland
R.G.	<b>Riley Matheson, S.F.</b>
R.T.	Martin Ruby, Brooklyn
R.E.	Al Baldwin, Buffalo
Q.B.	<b>Frank Albert, S.F.</b>
L.H.	Glenn Dobbs, Los Angeles
R.H.	Billy Hillenbrand, Baltimore
F.B.	John Colmer, Brooklyn

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS

### — 1946 —

Glenn Dobbs, Brooklyn

### — 1947 —

Otto Graham, Cleveland

### — 1948 —

**\*Frank Albert, San Francisco**

**\*Otto Graham, Cleveland**

\*Tie



# San Francisco Forty Niners'

## Team Statistics for 1948

	49ers	Opponents
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b> .....	227	203
By Rushing .....	†152	100
By Passing .....	67	90
By Penalty .....	8	13
<b>TOTAL YARDAGE GAINED</b> .....	†5767	4521
By Rushing .....	†3663	1906
By Passing .....	2104	2615
<b>NUMBER OF RUSHES</b> .....	†603	468
Average gain per Rush .....	†6.07	4.07
<b>FORWARD PASSES ATTEMPTED</b> .....	288	374
Passes Completed .....	162	184
Per Cent Passes Completed .....	.563	.492
Passes had Intercepted .....	14	32
Yards Interceptions Returned by Opponent .....	119	357
<b>NUMBER OF PUNTS</b> .....	44	68
Average Yards per Punt .....	42.6	40.5
Punts Returned by .....	44	†24
Average per Punt Return .....	15.4	13.1
<b>KICKOFFS RETURNED BY</b> .....	45	70
Average per Kickoff Return .....	24.4	21.6
<b>NUMBER OF PENALTIES</b> .....	89	72
Yards Penalized .....	794	567
<b>FUMBLES</b> .....	38	35
Own Fumbles Lost .....	21	20
<b>TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b> .....	†69	35
By Rushing .....	†39	12
By Passing .....	†30	23
Extra Points Scored .....	†64	32
Field Goals Scored .....	5	2
Safeties Scored .....	1	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS SCORED</b> .....	†495	248

†Indicates All-Time Major League Record

‡Tied Conference Record

# INDIVIDUAL FORTY NINER STATISTICS FOR 1948

## Scoring

	Touchdowns	Extra Pts.	Field Goals	Total
Beals .....	14	0	0	84
Vetrano .....	1	62	5	83
Perry .....	12	0	0	72
Strzykalski .....	11	0	0	66
Albert .....	8	1	0	49
Cason .....	3	0	0	18
Lillywhite .....	3	0	0	18
Shoener .....	3	0	0	18
Standlee .....	3	0	0	18
Carr .....	2	0	0	12
Crowe .....	2	0	0	12
Eshmont .....	2	0	0	12
Hall .....	2	0	0	12
Maloney .....	1	1	0	7
Sullivan .....	1	0	0	6
Susoeff .....	1	0	0	6
Totals .....	69	64	5	493

## Total Offense

	Plays	'Net Yards Gained'			Avg. Gain	‡Tdns.
		Rushing	Passing	Total	Per Play	Resp.
Albert .....	333	349	1990	2339	7.02	‡37
Strzykalski .....	142	915	0	915	6.44	11
Perry .....	77	562	0	562	7.30	12
Hall .....	66	413	0	413	6.26	2
Lillywhite .....	54	340	0	340	6.42	3
Eshmont .....	50	296	0	296	5.92	2
Standlee .....	52	261	0	261	5.02	3
Cason .....	20	146	0	146	7.30	3
Carr .....	14	121	0	121	8.64	2
Sullivan .....	33	121	0	121	3.67	1
Wallace .....	25	2	114	116	4.64	1
Vetrano .....	12	71	0	71	5.92	1
Crowe .....	12	65	0	65	5.42	2
Bruce .....	1	1	0	1	1.00	0
Totals .....	891	‡3663	2104	‡5767	6.47	.....

‡ Touchdowns-for-which-responsible is players' total TDs and TD passes thrown.

† Best all-time Major League Record.

# INDIVIDUAL FORTY NINER STATISTICS FOR 1948 (Continued)

## Rushing

	Attempts	Net Yards Gained	Average Gain
Strzykalski .....	141	915	6.49
Perry .....	77	562	7.30
Hall .....	66	413	6.26
Albert .....	69	349	5.06
Lillywhite .....	53	340	6.42
Eshmont .....	50	296	5.92
Standlee .....	52	261	5.02
Cason .....	20	146	7.30
Carr .....	14	121	8.64
Sullivan .....	33	121	3.67
Vetrano .....	12	71	5.92
Crowe .....	12	65	5.42
Wallace .....	3	2	0.67
Bruce .....	1	1	1.00
Totals .....	603	3663	6.07

## Forward Passing

	Passes Att.	Passes Comp.	Passes Inter.	Yards Gained	TD Passes	Pct. Comp.	Pct. Inter.
Albert .....	264	154	10	1990	‡29	*.583	.038
Wallace .....	22	8	3	114	1	.364	.136
Strzykalski .....	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Lillywhite .....	1	0	1	0	0	.000	1.000
Totals .....	288	162	14	2104	30	.562	.048

## Punting

	Number Punts	Yds. Punts	Punt Avg.	Had Blk.
Albert .....	35	1568	44.8	0
Wallace .....	5	192	38.4	0
Vetrano .....	1	38	38.0	0
Lillywhite .....	3	76	25.3	0
Totals .....	44	1874	42.6	0

‡Best all-time major league record.

\*Best record of Conference 1948 season.

# INDIVIDUAL FORTY NINER STATISTICS FOR 1948 (Continued)

## Pass Receiving

	Passes Caught	Yards Gained	Avg. Gain	T.D. Passes
Beals .....	46	591	12.8	†14
Susoeff .....	27	237	8.8	1
Strzykalski .....	26	485	18.7	7
Shoener .....	15	76	5.1	3
Eshmont .....	14	214	15.3	0
Perry .....	8	79	9.9	1
Bruce .....	5	49	9.8	0
Cason .....	4	99	24.8	1
Hall .....	4	87	21.8	0
Sullivan .....	4	58	14.5	1
Carr .....	3	40	13.3	0
Vetrano .....	1	34	34.0	0
Maloney .....	1	29	29.0	1
Howell .....	1	9	9.0	0
Albert .....	1	1	1.0	0
Standlee .....	1	1	1.0	0
Lillywhite .....	1	-1	-1.0	0
Crowe .....	†0	16	.....	1
Totals .....	162	2104	13.6	*30

†New Conference record.

‡Received lateral pass after completed forward pass.

\*Best all-time major league record.

## Pass Interceptions

	No. Inter.	Yards Returned	Avg. Return	T.D.s
Carr .....	7	144	20.6	1
Crowe .....	5	69	13.8	1
Cason .....	5	46	9.2	0
Lillywhite .....	3	26	8.7	0
Strzykalski .....	3	21	7.0	0
Matheson .....	2	4	2.0	0
Perry .....	1	24	24.0	0
Clark .....	1	12	12.0	0
Sullivan .....	1	6	6.0	0
Howell .....	1	5	5.0	0
Elston .....	1	0	0.0	0
Johnson .....	1	0	0.0	0
Eshmont .....	1	0	0.0	0
Totals .....	32	357	14.1	2



# INDIVIDUAL FORTY NINER STATISTICS FOR 1948 (Continued)

## Punt Returns

	Number Returns	Yards Returned	Average Return
Cason .....	22	309	14.0
Strzykalski .....	13	201	15.5
Hall .....	3	97	32.3
Lillywhite .....	3	41	13.7
Bryant .....	1	14	14.0
Crowe .....	2	14	7.0
Totals .....	44	676	15.4

## Kickoff Returns

	Number Returns	Yards Returned	Average Return	T.D.s
Hall .....	13	369	28.4	0
Cason .....	10	212	21.2	0
Strzykalski .....	9	185	20.6	0
Perry .....	4	145	*36.3	*1
Sullivan .....	2	40	20.0	0
Vetrano .....	1	38	38.0	0
Eshmont .....	1	32	32.0	0
Standlee .....	1	31	31.0	0
Crowe .....	2	18	9.0	0
Carr .....	1	16	16.0	0
Susoeff .....	1	12	12.0	0
Totals .....	45	1098	24.4	1

\*Best record of Conference 1948 season.

## **FORTY NINER OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **LONGEST PLAYS**

Rushing Play: 65 yds. Forrest Hall, Chicago, '48 (Scored)  
Pass Play: 60 yds. Frankie Albert to Len Eshmont, Brooklyn, '47  
Interception Return: 68 yds. Ken Casanega, Chicago, '46  
Punt Return: 57 yds. Forrest Hall, New York, '48  
Kickoff Return: 97 yds. Joe Perry, Brooklyn, '48 (Scored)\*  
Punt: 82 yds. Frankie Albert, Buffalo, '48\*  
Field Goal: 47 yds. Joe Vetrano, Los Angeles, '48

### **CONSECUTIVE RECORDS**

Passes Completed: 8. Frankie Albert, Buffalo, '48  
Passes Attempted w/o Interception: 65. Frankie Albert, '48  
Passes Completed w/o Interception: Frankie Albert, '48  
Games Throwing TD passes: 16. Frankie Albert '47 and '48  
Games Catching Passes: 31: Alyn Beals, '46, '47 and '48  
Games Catching TD passes: 6. Alyn Beals, '48  
Points after touchdown: 48: Joe Vetrano, '47 and '48

### **SINGLE GAME RECORDS**

Yards by Rushing: 160. Joe Perry, Los Angeles, '48  
Passes Attempted: 29. Frankie Albert, Brooklyn, '48  
Passes Completed: 19. Frankie Albert, Brooklyn, '48  
Yards Gained Passing: 269. Frankie Albert, Brooklyn, '48  
Total Offense: 294. Frankie Albert, Brooklyn, '48  
Yards Gained Catching Passes: 100. John Strzykalski, Los Angeles, '47  
Best Punting Average: (4 or more punts) 44.1. Frankie Albert, Baltimore, '48  
Scoring Record:  
18 pts.—Alyn Beals, Brooklyn, '48      18 pts.—Frankie Albert, Buffalo, '47  
Most Field Goals: 3. Joe Vetrano, '46 and '47

\*Best record of Conference 1948 season.

# **Anthony J. "Tony" Morabito**

## **OWNER**

Four years ago many laughed at the little man with the big ideas. They said it wouldn't work. It just couldn't survive. With five major colleges in the Bay Area, professional football in San Francisco didn't have a prayer.

At the conclusion of the third season in 1948, however, these same skeptics realized that perhaps pro ball didn't have a prayer but what it did have was paying customers and loyal fans.

Yes, professional football has come a long way in the City by the Golden Gate. The fans have adopted the team that proudly wears the name of their city and to such an extent that for the first time in many years thousands had to be turned away from Kezar Stadium because of sell-out crowds.

To most sport fans, the success of pro football in San Francisco has been unbelievable but to the one man who had faith in its success from the beginning it isn't unbelievable at all.

Anthony J. "Tony" Morabito sighted his target in 1944 and undertook immediately to accomplish his mission. He knew it wouldn't be an easy task. Pioneering had always been tough and specially was this evident in professional football. It wasn't easy either, but, the 49er owner feels his efforts have been compensated three fold for he is a firm believer that success can only be rightly appreciated when one has to work and work hard to achieve it.

Tony Morabito, the owner of the San Francisco entry in the AAFC, is a native San Franciscan. He attended the University of Santa Clara and it was at this time he first met Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw, the 49er Head Coach. He joined his father in business after graduating from the Mission School in 1931. Later on, wanting to work for himself, he formed the Independent Carrier Company, which grew to be the largest lumber carrier service in San Francisco.

In spite of the 49ers' success Tony Morabito's ambition is yet to be satisfied. Successful pioneering of professional football in the Bay Area has been satisfactory but his ultimate goal is to bring the championship crown to San Francisco. Until this is accomplished he will not satisfy his ambition. He hopes "ITS THE 49ERS IN '49."

# PRESENTING THE FC

## Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw

### HEAD COACH

Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw enters his fourth All-America Football Conference season as head coach of the San Francisco Forty Niners with the enviable three-year professional record of 29 victories, 11 defeats and 2 ties, completing all three seasons in second place of the Western Division.



"Buck," a graduate of Notre Dame, played tackle under the immortal Knute Rockne and was selected as a member of Notre Dame's All Time All-Star Team. With the completion of his collegiate career he entered the coaching field in 1922 and has since headed such teams as North Carolina State, University of Nevada, University of Santa Clara, and the University of California.

During his six year reign as head coach of the Santa Clara Broncos, his teams recorded 47 victories, 10 losses and 4 ties, as well as two successive Sugar Bowl victories over the highly favored Bengals of Louisiana State.

With the outbreak of World War II, Santa Clara disbanded its football program and it was during this period that "Buck" became interested in the then newly organized All-America Football Conference.

For the fourth straight year "Buck" finds himself and the Forty Niners still looking forward to stealing that almost perennial crown from the Cleveland Browns. With three years of being "behind" the Browns, "Buck" still has that desire and hope, plus the added incentive of being "darn tired" of the heretofore Cleveland monopoly, to down those Browns and walk off with the Conference title.

"Can this be it? Will it be the 49ers in '49? Can anybody beat the Browns?" These are the questions constantly running through the 49er mentor's head, and he answers them all in the affirmative. Something inside him says it's true. . . it's going to happen. . . "IT'S GOT TO BE THE 49ERS IN '49."

"Buck" makes his home in Atherton, Calif., with his charming wife Marge. He has two married daughters and is a very proud grandfather.



# ITY NINER COACHES

## **James Wilmer "Jim" Lawson**

### **ASSISTANT COACH**

Jim Lawson is a graduate of Stanford University. While playing for the Indians in the 1920's he gained All American recognition as an end. The height of his collegiate career came when he starred in the 1925 Rose Bowl game against Notre Dame and the famed "Four Horsemen." Coach Glenn "Pop" Warner still terms Jim's performance that New Year's Day the best he has ever seen by an end.

He carried his gridiron achievements on in three years of professional football during its pioneering days with Jacksonville, Florida, in the now disbanded American League and with Red Grange's New York Yankees.

In 1932 he was appointed End Coach at Stanford, working under both Tiny Thornhill and Clark Shaughnessy for the next ten years. In 1942 he was appointed Head Coach at the Farm but shortly after his appointment volunteered for the Navy. While in the Navy he coached the powerful St. Mary's Pre-Flight team.

Jim joined his close friend "Buck" Shaw at the inception of the 49ers. Since then he has tutored the 49er flankmen and it is obvious they reflect his teaching with their outstanding play.

During the off season he is engaged in operating his cleaning business in Palo Alto, California. He is happily married and has two grown sons.

## **Edward J. "Eddie" Erdelatz**

### **ASSISTANT COACH**

A native son, Eddie is well known to Bay Area football fans. He attended St. Mary's High in Berkeley where he was selected All League end prior to entering St. Mary's College in 1932.

While at St. Mary's Ed received three letters in football and was a unanimous All American selection in 1935. After his graduation Eddie stayed on at his alma mater as an assistant football coach and Head Boxing Coach in 1936 and '37. From Moraga he moved to the University of San Francisco in the same capacities in 1938 and '39, returning to St. Mary's for the '40 and '41 seasons.

After serving on active duty with the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander Ed was appointed end coach at the U. S. Naval Academy for '45, '46, and '47. He joined "Buck" and Jim for the 1948 season, his first year in the professional field.

Ed resides in San Francisco with his wife and young son Eddie Jr.

# SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS' 1949 ROSTER

Name	Birth Date	Wt.	Ht.	Year With Club	Present Home	School
CENTERS						
Bob Costello	12/30/24	200	6.0	1st	Lincoln, Neb.	Nebraska
Art Elston	10/19/19	190	5.11	4th	San Francisco, Calif.	So. Carolina
Bob Hileman	12/18/25	200	6.0	1st	Montalvo, Calif.	California
Bill Johnson	7/14/26	210	6.3	2nd	Tyler, Texas	Texas A. & M.
Tino Sabuco	12/20/26	206	6.1	1st	San Francisco, Calif.	San Francisco
Bill Sprang	11/29/25	225	6.4	1st	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Purdue
Joel Williams	3/18/26	215	6.1½	2nd	San Angelo, Texas	Texas
Pete Wismann	10/9/23	215	6.0	1st	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis

## GUARDS

Bruno Banducci	11/11/21	220	5.11	4th	Richmond, Calif.	Stanford
Don Clark	12/22/23	197	5.11	2nd	Los Angeles, Calif.	U.S.C.
Visco Grgich	1/19/23	220	5.11	4th	Seattle, Wash.	Santa Clara
Homer Hobbs	2/13/23	210	5.11	1st	Athens, Ga.	Georgia
Herb Poddig	6/24/23	220	6.2	1st	Daly City, Calif.	California

## TACKLES

Bob Bryant	6/14/19	230	6.3	4th	Burbank, Calif.	Texas Tech.
Bob Mike	10/29/23	220	6.1	2nd	Los Angeles, Calif.	U.C.L.A.
Joe Morgan	10/23/28	245	6.1	1st	Pt. Arthur, Texas	Miss. Southern
Charles Quilter	5/8/26	240	6.1	1st	Texas City, Texas	Tyler J. C.
John Woudenberg	5/25/18	225	6.3	4th	Berkeley, Calif.	Denver

# ENDS

Alyn Beals	4/27/21	190	6.0	4th	San Francisco, Calif.	Santa Clara
Gail Bruce	9/29/23	205	6.1	2nd	Seattle, Wash.	Washington
Bob Heck	6/17/25	207	6.3	1st	Lafayette, Ind.	Purdue
Norm Maloney	4/21/23	190	6.1	2nd	Santa Cruz, Calif.	Purdue
Paul Salata	10/17/26	190	6.2	1st	Los Angeles, Calif.	U.S.C.
Hal Shoener	1/2/23	200	6.3	2nd	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa
Nick Susoeff	4/15/21	215	6.1	4th	Los Angeles, Calif.	Washington State

# QUARTERBACKS

Frankie Albert	1/27/20	170	5.10	4th	Palo Alto, Calif.	Stanford
Mike DeNoia	10/19/27	195	6.0	1st	Scranton, Pa.	Scranton
Bev Wallace	3/7/23	180	6.2	3rd	Hawthorne, Calif.	Compton J. C.

# HALFBACKS

Eddie Carr	4/27/27	185	6.0	3rd	Philadelphia, Pa.	None
Jim Cason	7/25/27	168	6.0	2nd	Harlingen, Texas	L.S.U.
Sam Cathcart	7/7/25	175	6.0	1st	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Santa Barbara
Paul Crowe	10/23/23	195	6.1½	2nd	San Francisco, Calif.	St. Mary's
Len Eshmont	8/26/17	180	5.11	4th	San Francisco, Calif.	Fordham
Don Garlin	11/10/26	188	5.11½	1st	Porterville, Calif.	U.S.C.
John Strzykalski	12/14/22	190	5.9	4th	San Francisco, Calif.	Marquette
Bob Sullivan	8/15/23	189	5.10	2nd	No. Andover, Mass.	Holy Cross
Joe Vetrano	10/15/21	170	5.9	4th	Asbury Park, N. J.	Miss. Southern

# FULLBACKS

Verl Lillywhite	12/5/26	185	5.10	2nd	Los Angeles, Calif.	U.S.C.
Joe Perry	1/22/27	195	6.0	2nd	Los Angeles, Calif.	Compton J. C.
Norm Standlee	7/19/19	230	6.2	4th	San Francisco, Calif.	Stanford



## 1949 FORTY NINERS

### **Albert, Frankie—Quarterback      Height 5'10"      Weight 170**

Received "Most Valuable Player" award for 1948 with Otto Graham. The former Stanford All American T-expert set a new major league all time record with his 29 touchdown passes last season.

Clark Shaughnessy taught him the T-formation at Stanford. After graduating in 1942 he enlisted in the Navy as a deck officer. Receiving his discharge in 1945 he entered professional football and has been setting new records ever since.

This is his fourth season with the 49ers and if his habit of improving with each year of play is consistent 1949 should be his year of years. His record for 1948 reads like a Presidential Citation, to wit, responsible for a major league high of 37 TDs, passing for 29 and scoring 8; accounting for 6 TDs in a single game; lifetime mark of 78 TD responsibility plays high for the conference; his 86.7% completion average (13 out of 15) against Baltimore was a new AAFC mark; led the conference in completion percentage with a .583 high; finished 4th in kicking although his 44.8 average was second only to Glenn Dobbs; his lifetime punt average is 43.0 and his 82 yarder against Buffalo was the year's longest; he is second in passing and total offense for 3 years with 5,086 yards, a 54.9% mark, and 61 TDs on 386 completions.

During the off season he works in Public Relations for a milk company. He is married, has two young daughters and lives in Palo Alto.

### **Banducci, Bruno—Guard      Height 5'11"      Weight 220**

Bad luck hit Bruno last year for he was injured at the beginning of the season. After that he saw spot play in a few games. During the off season he underwent an operation and medical reports now show him to be in excellent condition.

He graduated from Stanford University in 1943. Played with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National League and made All League guard.

In 1946 and '47 he was the outstanding guard in the All America Conference, being chosen first string both years on the All Conference team. Barring injury this year, Coach Shaw figures Bruno to do a repeat in '49 on the All Conference squad.

He makes his home in Richmond, California, with his wife and two young sons. Hunting and fishing are his hobbies.

### **Beals, Alyn—End      Height 6'0"      Weight 190**

1949 will find Alyn on the receiving end of plenty of Albert thrown passes for he has an enviable record to protect.

The glue fingered demon from the University of Santa Clara became the third man in pro history to hit double figures for TD passes, with 34 for three seasons. He and Don Hutson are the only two to do it three times in a row and his 14 in 1948 is second in major league history only to Hutson's wartime 17. This included a record equalling 3TDs in the last game of the season against the Dons.



The ex-Bronco star broke two of his own AAFC records—he caught TD passes in 6 straight games—at the end of the season, he had received passes in 31 straight contests.

Beals was second in scoring for the 1948 campaign in the AAFC with 84 points. He is also third in scoring for the three year run, with 205 points.

Alyn makes his home in San Francisco with his wife and young son.

### **Bruce, Gail—End**

**Height 6'1"**

**Weight 205**

First made his name in football at Puyallup, Washington High School, where he received All Conference recognition for 3 years after he was voted the "Inspirational Player" award (1941) and the "Silver Victory" award (1942).

After being discharged from the Marine Corps he enrolled at the University of Washington. During his playing days at the Seattle institution he was outstanding both on defense and offense. In the 1948 East-West Shrine classic he played outstanding ball and was credited with a touchdown against the East team.

This will be his second year on the 49er roster and his experience gained last season should make him one of the mainstays in the Cardinal and Silver line.

Coach "Buck" Shaw has converted Bruce into strictly a defensive end and the change has proven wise.

Bruce is married, has a young son and lives in Seattle, Washington.

### **Bryant, Bob—Tackle**

**Height 6'3"**

**Weight 230**

Graduated from Texas Tech in 1941. Played for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1943. Joined the Hollywood Rangers as a fullback in 1944. In 1945 he made All League tackle while with the Los Angeles Bulldogs.

The 1949 season marks Bob's 4th season under "Buck" Shaw. In the past three seasons of play he has proven himself to be one of the top competitors in the conference, both offensively and defensively.

He is married and makes his home in Burbank, California. During the off season he is a stunt man in Hollywood.

### **Carr, Eddie—Halfback**

**Height 6'0"**

**Weight 185**

Eddie is different than most pro footballers in that he hasn't college experience behind him. The 1949 season marks his third with the San Francisco club.

Last season "Buck" Shaw used Eddie as a pass defensive half. This year however, Eddie has shown himself to be an offensive threat. He is fast and tricky and if his pre-season performances are any criterion, 1949 will be his year.

Eddie has become attached to the Bay Area and intends to marry and enter the florist business in San Francisco.

### **Cason, Jim—Halfback**

**Height 6'0"**

**Weight 170**

Jim joined the 49ers in 1948 after having starred for Louisiana State for four years under Bernie Moore.

In his rookie year Jim placed third in the punt return field, taking 22 for 209 yards. On defense he intercepted five opponent passes and went 46 yards.

In pre-season workouts Jim has shown great improvement over his '48 play. On offense especially have the coaches noted his improvement. He runs hard and is a born competitor.

The shifty southerner makes his home in Harlingen, Texas. He plays golf and tennis and plans a coaching career.

### **Cathcart, Sam—Halfback**

**Height 6'0"**

**Weight 175**

Although born in Canute, Oklahoma, Sam is an adopted Californian. He attended high school in Long Beach, California, before entering Santa Barbara College.

While performing for the Gauchos he earned eight letters; three apiece in football and track, and two in boxing. In the seasons of '47 and '48 he was voted the "Most Valuable Player" award. He also earned All-CCAA honors for two years. In his last two seasons at Santa Barbara he scored 114 points by TDs. During the war while serving with the Army he received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

During training camp he caught the fancy of the coaching staff with his speed and elusive running. He is also very good on defense. His specialties are kickoff and punt returns. Here's a boy to watch in '49. This is his first year with the 49ers and don't be surprised if he makes "rookie of the year."

He lives with his wife and young son in Santa Barbara, California.

### **Clark, Don—Guard**

**Height 5'11"**

**Weight 197**

A rookie last season he proved himself three-fold. Hampered by injuries "Buck" Shaw found himself badly in need of guards and Don was one of his answers. He played great in '48—was used primarily on offense and developed into the outstanding guard on the squad. His down field blocking proved invaluable to the backs.

He attended Washington High School in Los Angeles and captained his squad in 1941.

He had a brilliant war record with the Army, being commissioned on the battlefield.

Played three years for the U.S.C. Trojans and was voted the most valuable lineman by coaches and players. He was also chosen "Most Inspirational Player." His line play against Notre Dame and Michigan brought forth high praise from his opponents.

Don lives with his wife and son in Los Angeles. He holds an engineering degree, however, during the off season works in the Hollywood studios as a bit actor.

### **Crowe, Paul—Halfback**

**Height 6'1"**

**Weight 190**

Last season in his first year of play for pay, Paul was used mostly on defense. On pass defense he intercepted five for 69 yards and an excellent 13.4 average.

Although used sparingly on offense in his 12 carries for the season, he

netted 65 yards and a 5.42 average. This year should see him in the offensive backfield frequently.

He played football, basketball and track for his hometown of Chino, California. After his discharge from the Army in '43 he entered St. Mary's College. He played three years for Jimmy Phelan at Moraga before joining the 49ers.

He is married and lives in San Francisco. During the off season he sells automobiles in Oakland.

**DeNoia, Mike—Quarterback      Height 6'0"      Weight 195**

The San Francisco 49ers have added another left-handed quarterback to their roster with the signing of Mike DeNoia, passing star from the University of Scranton. Mike earned All-State and Little All American recognition during his four years with the Scranton eleven. He is noted for his ability as a long passer and oddly enough for his "hook" or "curve" ball obvious in his short tosses. DeNoia is not only feted as a passer for he has shown great ability as a runner and pass defender.

He captained the Scranton basketball squad in his senior year and received All-Eastern and All-State honorable mention.

This is his rookie year of pro ball. He is single and lives in Scranton.

**Elston, Art "Dutch"—Center      Height 5'11"      Weight 190**

This marks his fourth season with the 49ers. Though small for a center "Dutch" has proven he can hold his own with the best and biggest of them. He is the fireball of the squad.

He attended high school in Toledo, Ohio, where he was chosen All-State as a tackle. In 1938 he was again chosen All-State, this time as a quarterback for Georgia Military College. The same season he was voted the "Most Valuable Player" award. Again he made All-State in 1942 when he captained the University of South Carolina squad as a quarterback.

He started his professional exploits with the Cleveland Rams as quarterback in 1943. During the war he played with the 4th Air Force team.

He is married and has a young son. He studies for his teaching credentials during the off season.

**Eshmont, Len—Halfback      Height 5'11"      Weight 180**

Better known as the "Fordham Flash," he starts his fourth season with the 49ers this fall. He attended Mt. Carmel High School in Easton, Pa., where he was chosen All-State in 1936. He received All-American mention in 1940, his senior year at Fordham.

In 1942 he was one of the top pro performers while playing with the New York Giants.

During the war he played for outstanding preflight school elevens. Last year he again turned in a remarkable season. In yards gained by rushing he averaged 5.92 per carry. He averaged an excellent 15.3 yards on pass receiving, catching 14 for 214 yards.

He resides with his wife and daughter in San Francisco. He plans a coaching career in the future.



**Garlin, Don—Halfback****Height 5'11½"****Weight 188**

Don's high school athletic record is fabulous. While attending Porterville Union High School in Porterville, California, Don earned four letters in football and was a member of three championship teams. He captained his squad, earned All-League recognition and was voted the "Most Valuable Player" award in 1943.

In basketball he was also chosen team captain, earned four letters and was selected All-League forward in 1944.

He led the Porterville nine in hitting and earned three letters playing shortstop. In track he set a league record in the 180-yard low hurdles. He also starred in the 120 high hurdles and earned three letters on the cinder path. To wind up his high school career he lettered one year in boxing.

From Porterville he went to the University of Southern California, where he was a member of the '44 and '47 Pacific Coast Champions.

He is outstanding both on offense and defense; 1949 is his first year of professional football.

He is single and lives in Porterville where ranching is his off-season occupation.

**Grgich, Visco—Guard****Height 5'11"****Weight 220**

Visco attended the University of Santa Clara before entering the Army. In 1946 he joined the 49ers and thus is a four-year veteran. When Bruno Banducci was injured last season "Buck" Shaw moved Grgich from his usual tackle position to the guard spot. This move proved correct for Visco played 60-minute ball the rest of the season. He developed into a brilliant down field blocker on offense and a fast charger on defense. During spring training this year Visco has stood out as one of the top performers in the 49er forward wall.

He is married, has a young son and lives in Seattle, Washington. He is a student at the University of Washington during the off season and works with Seattle's recreation department.

**Heck, Bob—End****Height 6'3"****Weight 207**

Bob played quarterback for Washington High School in South Bend, Indiana, under Bernie Witucki. While he was performing for the South Bend eleven they won three consecutive championships, '41, '42 and '43.

He was a Marine during the war and after his discharge entered Purdue. He was shifted to end at Purdue and played four years on the flank for the Boilermakers. In 1948 he was chosen All-State and All-Conference Honorable Mention.

During training camp workouts he has shown the ability of an all-around end. He's fast and a hard runner on offense. On defense he protects his flank position like a veteran. His height of 6'3" makes him a perfect target for Frankie Albert. This is his first year in the pro ranks.

He is married and makes his home in W. Lafayette, Indiana.



**Hobbs, Homer—Guard****Height 5'11"****Weight 210**

Homer joins the 49ers from the Orange Bowl contenders of last New Years Day, namely, the University of Georgia. Despite the Bulldogs' loss in the "Hangover Day" event, Coach Wally Butts signalled out the line play of Hobbs as outstanding, not only in Miami but throughout the 1948 season.

Homer started his gridiron achievements at Lexington High School in Lexington, South Carolina, where he was chosen the "Most Valuable Player" three consecutive years as a left halfback. He captained the Lexington football squad two years; the basketball team two years and the track team two years. At the University of Georgia he was converted to the guard position. He lettered four years at the Athens institution and helped them win the SEC championship three consecutive years.

He has looked very good in pre-season practice and should see plenty of rookie action this fall. He is married and lives in Athens, Ga.

**Johnson, Bill—Center****Height 6'3"****Weight 210**

His 1948 rookie season with the 49ers got off to a bad start. Early in the season he received a broken wrist. Toward the latter part of the season, as his injury healed, he came back fast and furious.

Bill graduated from Tyler High School in Texas in 1943 and then entered Texas A. & M. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946 he entered Tyler Junior College, where he was selected Junior College All-American center for 1947. Bill proved in his limited action last season that he is a terrific line backer and defender against passes. His pre-season performances show that he'll see lots of action in the pivot spot this fall.

He works in the oil fields during the off-season and plans a coaching career in the future.

**Lillywhite, Verl—Fullback****Height 5'10"****Weight 185**

Verl can be classified as an ideal utility back—fits in everywhere. On defense last season he was outstanding, especially in the Cleveland game when he threw Otto Graham for numerous losses.

In spite of his being moved to fullback, Verl has proven to the coaching staff that he is capable of handling all positions, both on offense and defense.

Verl graduated from Inglewood High School in 1944, where he starred in football and track. He spent one year at Modesto Jaycee before entering the University of Southern California. He was a member of the Pacific Coast Champions of '45 and '47.

His rookie season with the 49ers was very successful and the experience he gained should prove an asset to the organization this fall.

He is single and resides in Los Angeles.

**Maloney, Norm "Ned"—End****Height 6'1"****Weight 190**

Ned was chosen "Most Valuable Player" in 1940 while playing for Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill. He was elected captain in 1941 and made All-City end the same year.

Served with the Marine Corps during the war and then entered Purdue. Under Coach Stu Holcomb he gained recognition as the "Most Valuable Player" in 1945 and 1946 and was voted captain in 1947.

In his rookie year with the 49ers last season, Maloney proved an aggressive flank defender. Coach "Buck" Shaw consequently used him primarily on defense.

He is a newlywed and lives in Santa Cruz. He plans a coaching career.

**Mike, Bob "Big Bob"—Tackle      Height 6'1"      Weight 220**

"Big Bob" graduated from Stubenville High School, Ohio, in 1940. In 1941 he entered Florida A. & M. College, where he made the National Negro All-America team in 1942.

After being discharged from the Army Air Corps he enrolled at UCLA and played the 1946-47 seasons for the Bruins. In his first year of play, he received All-Coast mention as a member of the Pacific Coast Champion Bruins.

Last season was his first in the professional ranks and Bob went above expectations in his tackle play. In the opinion of Coach "Buck" Shaw, Bob is by far the most promising tackle prospect procured since the 49ers' inception. In his first year with the red-shirted San Franciscans he worked his way into the number three tackle position, backing up veterans John Woudenberg and Bob Bryant.

During the off season he studies for his degree and after graduation plans to work in the prevention of juvenile delinquency. He is married and lives in Los Angeles with his wife and daughter.

**Morgan, Joe—Tackle      Height 6'1"      Weight 245**

Another rookie tackle with a 49er future is Joe Morgan. Joe, though only 20 years old, has played a lot of football. He played two years Junior College ball before entering Mississippi Southern. At the southern school he was one of the top performers on the squad.

Thus far in training camp he has proven Joe Vetrano's recommendations were not exaggerated. Vetrano, 49er veteran, coaches at Mississippi Southern during spring training and after watching Morgan he recommended him to Coach Shaw.

Morgan will be an asset to the organization in the 49er forward wall. He's fast for a big man and with a little experience should solve the tackle problems.

He is single and lives in Pt. Arthur, Texas.

**Perry, Joe "Jolting Joe"—Fullback      Height 6'0"      Weight 195**

Last year was Joe's first year in the play for pay business and his debut was a great success. He led the 49er running backs in the scoring division with 11 TDs running and one on pass receiving for a total of 72 points. Thus he finished seventh in the AAFC for scoring and at the same time tied Spec Sanders' rookie TD record.

Joe captained his team and received all-city honors as a fullback while playing for David Starr Jordan High School in Los Angeles. He was selected on the All-State team for two consecutive years while playing for Compton Jaycee. During the war he starred for the Alameda Naval Station.

Joe scored in nine straight games and his string is still alive for the 1949 campaign. He was also tenth in the league for individual rushing, carrying the ball 77 times for a net gain of 562 yards and a 7.30 average per carry. Perry also produced the only kickoff return of the year for a touchdown in the league, going 97 yards against Brooklyn to dethrone Spec Sanders of New York, who had won the long play title in 1946 and 1947.

Joe injured his left knee during training camp and consequently didn't see action in pre-season games. The coaches feel he will be back in the lineup the first or second week of conference play. He is married and lives in Los Angeles.

### **Poddig, Herb—Guard**

**Height 6'2"**

**Weight 220**

Herb played under three coaches while attending the University of California, namely, Wickhorst, Evans, and Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf. He earned four letters while performing for the Golden Bears, first at end, then at guard.

He attended Jefferson Union High School in Daly City, California, earning 11 letters in three sports. He made All-League end in the Peninsula league and was voted "All Around Player" in basketball.

He was a member of the California Rose Bowl team of 1949.

Herb has looked good in pre-season workouts and may be one of the answers to Coach Shaw's "depth" problems.

He is single and resides in Daly City, California.

### **Quilter, Charles "Chuck"—Tackle**

**Height 6'0"**

**Weight 240**

A Navy veteran of three years, Chuck played his college ball for Tyler J. C. in Tyler, Texas.

The 1949 season marks his first in the professional ranks, however, judging on his pre-season performances, it definitely won't be his last. The young Texan shows promise of developing into exactly what Coach Shaw needs. He is big, rugged and has plenty of football knowhow.

He is single and makes his home in Texas City, Texas.

### **Sabuco, Tino—Center**

**Height 6'1"**

**Weight 206**

Tino hails from Detroit, Michigan, where he played high school ball at MacKenzie High. He earned four letters playing fullback on the gridiron—four in basketball at guard and two in baseball at second base.

He was captain two years in both football and basketball. Made first string All-City two consecutive years and All-State one year.

He attended two universities, namely, Wayne and San Francisco. At U.S.F. he was moved to center and made Catholic All-American while playing in the pivot spot for the Dons in 1947. This is his rookie year with the San Franciscans.

He's married and makes his home in San Francisco.



**Salata, Paul "Slat"—End****Height 6'2"****Weight 190**

Paul was chosen All-City and All-League end while performing for Franklin High School in Los Angeles, California. In his senior year, after participating in football, baseball and track, he was voted the school's "Most Outstanding Athlete." He was also student body president and an honor graduate.

After serving in the AAF he resumed his studies at the University of Southern California. He played three years end for Jeff Cravath at U.S.C.

In 1948 he played professional ball for the Los Angeles Bulldogs and led the league in scoring by pass receiving.

The 1949 season may see Paul as a running mate with Alyn Beals. He is fast and plenty tricky. He should offer the opposing secondary loads of headaches in 1949.

He is single and lives in Los Angeles. He works as an extra in the movies during the off-season and is working on his masters degree in Business Administration at U.S.C.

**Shoener, Hal—End****Height 6'3"****Weight 200**

No longer a rookie, Hal enters his second season with the 49ers boasting a fine record. In his pro debut, Shoener proved his collegiate experience at the University of Iowa wasn't in vain.

Hal played football for Charleston High School, Charleston, W. Va., before entering Iowa in 1941. After spending three years in the Army he returned to the Iowa campus for two more years of collegiate competition. In 1947 he captained his team and was selected the most valuable player along with being voted the best player by several opposing teams.

He came to "Buck" Shaw recommended as an excellent blocker, pass receiver and defensive man. These recommendations proved correct and Hal saw plenty of action for the San Franciscans in 1948.

He is single and has a twin brother, Herbert, who also plays pro ball. His home is Iowa City, Iowa. He plans a coaching career.

**Sprang, Bill—Center****Height 6'4"****Weight 225**

Bill attended St. Xavier High School in Louisville, Ky., where he lettered two years in football and one in track. During the war he played for the Iowa Seahawks and after his discharge from the Navy entered Purdue. He earned the first string pivot spot on Stu Holcomb's '47 and '48 squads.

Bill's height makes him a "natural" for the line backing assignment. On offense he has shown great promise as a down field blocker. This is Bill's rookie year with the 49ers.

He is a newlywed and his hometown is Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Standlee, Norm "Big Chief"—Fullback Height 6'2" Weight 230**

The "Big Chief" needs no introduction to the nation's football fans. Since the latter part of the 1930's he has performed brilliantly on the gridiron. First at Woodrow Wilson High School, Long Beach, California, then at Stanford University where he played three years on the varsity. He climaxed his col-



legiate career with Coach Clark Shaughnessy's famed 1941 Rose Bowl championship eleven. From Stanford he moved to the professional ranks, with the Chicago Bears of the National league.

He spent three years in the Army, serving most of his time in the China-Burma theatre. Like his former teammate from Stanford, Frankie Albert, he was one of the first to ink a 49er contract when the All-America Conference first came into being.

The 1946 and 1947 seasons saw him playing brilliant offensive ball running from the fullback spot. He was also outstanding on defense as a line backer.

Last season found Coach "Buck" Shaw utilizing "Big Norm" primarily on defense. Shaw's strategy was rewarded for the former Indian Great is now respected as one of the toughest line backers in professional football.

He is married and lives in San Francisco. He works for a milk company during the off season in the public relations department.

### **Strzykalski, John "Strike"—Halfback Height 5'9" Weight 190**

The San Francisco 49ers, paced by "Strike," raced to new all time marks of 152 first downs, 3,663 yards, and 35 touchdowns by rushing to regain their 1946 title, claimed by the Yankees in 1947. Strzykalski's second place total of 915 yards accounted for a fourth of the 49ers' total.

On the basis of the above it's easy to see why Coach "Buck" Shaw terms "Strike" one of the finest competitors in professional football.

The former high school star from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, started his athletic career by being voted the best all around athlete in Milwaukee two years in a row, 1940 and 1941.

Naturally enough he matriculated to his hometown school, Marquette University, where he continued to flash in the field of athletics. He was mentioned on numerous All-American teams while competing for the Hilltoppers.

During the war, while playing with the 4th Air Force, he made first club All-Service.

"Strike" is the only AAFC player to top the 900-yard mark twice, having hit 906 in 1947. He made 169 yards in his two 1948 appearances against Cleveland, averaging more than six yards a crack. His season's average of 6.49 topped Motley's.

"Strike's" AAFC lifetime average of 5.97 on 363 plays for 2,167 yards placed him third in rushing for the three years' competition. He also placed eighth in punt returns, carrying the ball 13 times for 201 yards. In scoring Johnny was also eighth in the league with 66 points. This will be John's fourth year with the 49ers.

He makes his home with his wife and young daughter in San Francisco.

### **Sullivan, Bob—Halfback Height 5'10" Weight 189**

Bobby starts his second season with the 49ers this year. The former Holy Cross star served in the Army during the war and returned to Worcester, Mass., to compete for the Crusaders in '46 and '47. Playing as a fullback, he received All-American and All-East mention.

Last season Coach Shaw used Sully primarily as an offensive halfback. This year during pre-season workouts Bob has been running at fullback because of Joe Perry's early injury. He fits in the pattern well. He is an excellent blocker and a hard runner.

In the 1947 East-West game he was regarded as one of the outstanding backs on the field.

He is single and makes his home in Lowell, Mass.

### **Susoeff, Nick—End**

**Height 6'1½"**

**Weight 220**

The 1949 season marks Nick's fourth with the San Francisco club. He graduated from Washington State College in 1942, making All-Coast and All-American mention while performing for the Cougars. Prior to that he was selected All-City and All-Southern California in 1938 while attending Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles.

During the war he was selected on the All-Service teams for 1944 and 1945 while playing for the 2nd and 4th Air Forces.

The 49er coaching staff considers Nick a steady all-around flank man. He's developed into an offensive threat right behind Alyn Beals and is respected by all opponents as a defensive demon. In the 1948 campaign he caught 27 passes for 237 yards and an 8.8 average plus one TD.

Nick is married, has a young daughter, and lives in Los Angeles. He runs a plumbing business during the off-season.

### **Vetrano, Joe "Little Joe"—Halfback**

**Height 5'9"**

**Weight 170**

Although listed as a halfback from Mississippi Southern, Joe is better known to 49er fans as "Little Toe." In the past three years his toe has made him famous. He and his toe have scored in 42 straight games, all the 49ers have played and his string is still alive for the '49 season. He tied the major league record of nine extra points in one game last season against Brooklyn. He placed third in scoring in the conference for the 1948 season with 62 points after touchdown (best all-time major league record), five field goals and one touchdown for a total of 83 points.

Vetrano really worked to string together 48 straight successes, keeping his chain active in the second Cleveland game last year by making the AAFC's only extra-point-by-dropkick in three seasons. A low pass from center eluded holder Frankie Albert, so Vetrano grabbed the ball, dodged to one side and deftly made his point.

Joe seldom practices place kicking. He likes to run with the ball and after his showing in training camp 49er fans can expect to see him in plenty of action as an offensive half.

He makes his home in Asbury Park, N. J. Coaching is his chosen career. He helps coach at his alma mater, Mississippi Southern, during the off-season.

### **Wallace, Bev—Quarterback**

**Height 6'2"**

**Weight 180**

Bev earned letters in football, basketball, baseball and track while attending Santa Paula (Calif.) High School. He performed for Compton J. C. in 1941 and 1942 before entering the Army. After the war he returned to

Compton to lead his team to the National Junior College Championship in 1946. He made numerous all-star teams in addition to being voted the most valuable player.

This marks Bev's third season with the 49ers. He has been understudying the T-wizard, Frankie Albert, for the past two seasons. He's an excellent passer and ball handler.

Bev makes his home in Los Angeles with his wife, daughter and son. He is an automobile salesman during the off-season.

**Williams, Joel—Center**

**Height 6'1½"**

**Weight 215**

Received All-State recognition while playing for San Angelo High School in Texas. Spent two years as a gunner's mate in the Navy before entering the University of Texas. In the 1947 Sugar Bowl classic he performed brilliantly for the Longhorns as they defeated Alabama 27 to 7.

Last year, 1948, was his rookie year and the experience he gained should make him a tough competitor for the pivot spot in 1949. He is a deadly tackler and middle line backer. Offensively he is a good blocker.

He is single and lives in San Angelo, Texas.

**Wismann, Pete—Center**

**Height 6'0"**

**Weight 215**

While playing for Maplewood High School in St. Louis, Mo., Pete was selected All-District and All-State in 1939. He also earned three letters in baseball.

After serving with the Marine Corps during the war he entered St. Louis University. He was captain of the team in '43 and again in '47. In 1942 and 1948 he was chosen All-Conference center and in 1943 he made the All-Ohio squad.

Pete has been one of the outstanding rookies at training camp this year and should see plenty of action during the '49 campaign. He is talented in the line backing spot and has also been a standout on offense. San Francisco fans will hear a lot of this boy in the future.

He is married, has a young daughter and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**Woudenberg, John—Tackle**

**Height 6'3"**

**Weight 225**

Big John was selected All-Conference tackle for three years in 1937-38-39, while attending the University of Denver. In 1940-41-42, he performed for the Pittsburgh Steelers. During the war he played three seasons with the St. Mary's Pre-Flight.

In 1946 he joined the 49ers and has been a mainstay ever since. He is brilliant both on offense and defense. For the past three seasons he has started every game and has averaged approximately 40 minutes of playing time in every game. He was chosen second team All-Conference tackle for the past two years.

John lives with his wife and young son in Oakland, California. During the off-season he is in the insurance business.



AT BUFFALO—September 23-29—Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, N. Y.  
 AT CHICAGO—September 29-30—Windemere Hotel  
 AT NEW YORK—October 20-28—Bear Mountain Inn  
 AT CLEVELAND—October 28-31—Tudor Arms Hotel  
 AT CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS—October 31-November 4—Riverside Inn  
 AT BALTIMORE—November 4-6—Lord Baltimore Hotel  
 AT LOS ANGELES—November 12-13—Green Hotel, Pasadena

## VISITING TEAM HEADQUARTERS

BALTIMORE—Old Hearst Ranch, Pleasanton, Calif.  
 CHICAGO—Sonoma Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, Calif.  
 LOS ANGELES—Alexander Hamilton Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.  
 CLEVELAND—Sonoma Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, Calif.  
 BUFFALO—Old Hearst Ranch, Pleasanton, Calif.  
 NEW YORK—Sonoma Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, Calif.

## PRONUNCIATION

BANDUCCI	BAN-DU-CHEE
CASON	CASE-ON
DE NOIA	DA-NOY-A
GRGICH	GUR-GITCH
SHOENER	SHANE-ER
STRZYKALSKI	STRY-CALL-SKEE
SUSOEFF	SOO-SOFF
WOUDEMBERG	WOO-DEN-BERG



# ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

## 1949 SCHEDULE — FOURTH SEASON

### AUGUST

- 26 Buffalo.....at Chicago\*  
28 BALTIMORE at SAN FRANCISCO

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Baltimore.....at Los Angeles  
4 CHICAGO.....at SAN FRANCISCO  
5 Cleveland.....at Buffalo  
9 Chicago.....at Los Angeles  
11 Baltimore.....at Cleveland  
11 New York.....at Buffalo  
16 Baltimore.....at Chicago\*  
18 New York.....at Cleveland  
18 LOS ANGELES at SAN FRANCISCO  
22 Los Angeles.....at New York\*  
25 Cleveland.....at Baltimore  
25 SAN FRANCISCO.....at BUFFALO  
30 SAN FRANCISCO.....at CHICAGO\*

### OCTOBER

- 2 Baltimore.....at Buffalo  
2 Los Angeles.....at Cleveland  
7 New York.....at Chicago\*  
9 CLEVELAND at SAN FRANCISCO  
9 Buffalo.....at Los Angeles

\*Denotes night game.

\*\*Thanksgiving Day games.

### OCTOBER

- 14 Cleveland.....at Los Angeles\*  
16 New York.....at Baltimore  
16 BUFFALO.....at SAN FRANCISCO  
23 Chicago.....at Baltimore  
23 SAN FRANCISCO.....at NEW YORK  
23 Los Angeles.....at Buffalo  
30 Baltimore.....at New York  
30 Los Angeles.....at Chicago  
30 SAN FRANCISCO at CLEVELAND

### NOVEMBER

- 6 SAN FRANCISCO.....at BALTIMORE  
6 Buffalo.....at New York  
6 Chicago.....at Cleveland  
13 Chicago.....at New York  
13 Buffalo.....at Cleveland  
13 SAN FRANCISCO at LOS ANGELES  
20 Los Angeles.....at Baltimore  
20 Cleveland.....at New York  
20 Chicago.....at Buffalo  
24 Cleveland.....at Chicago\*\*  
24 New York.....at Los Angeles\*\*  
27 Buffalo.....at Baltimore  
27 NEW YORK.....at SAN FRANCISCO

### DECEMBER

- 4 First Round of Playoffs  
11 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

# 1948 SAN FRANCISCO 49ers ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Age	Weight	Height	Games Played	Games Started	Years in Conf.	School	Home Town
• Albert, Frank C.	.....	28	160	5:10	9	14	3	Stanford	Glendale, Calif.
d-Balatti, Edward T.	.....	24	205	6:01	0	1	3	Oakland H.S.	Oakland, Calif.
• Bonducci, Bruno	E	26	215	5:11	0	8	3	Stanford	Richmond, Calif.
• Beals, Alvin R.	.....	27	185	6:00	13	14	3	Santa Clara	San Francisco, Calif.
• a-Bentz, Roman W.	.....	28	230	6:02	0	4	3	Tulane	Honolulu, Wis.
• Bruce, Gail R.	.....	24	205	6:01	0	14	3	Washington	Puyallup, Wash.
• Bryant, Robert R.	.....	29	225	6:03	14	14	3	Texas Tech.	Alton, Tex.
• Carr, Edwin F.	.....	27	185	6:00	1	13	2	Olney H.S.	Philadelphia, Pa.
• Casanega, Kenneth	B	27	175	5:11 1/2	0	1	2	Santa Clara	Oakland, Calif.
• Casone, James A.	B	21	168	6:00	5	13	1	Louisiana State	Sandheimer, La.
• Clark, Donald R.	G	24	197	5:11	14	14	1	Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.
• Callier, Floyd L.	G	24	215	6:01 1/2	0	12	1	San Jose State	Exeter, Calif.
• Cox, James E.	.....	27	208	6:01	0	14	1	Stanford	San Francisco, Calif.
• Crowe, Paul J.	B	24	195	6:01 1/2	0	14	1	St. Mary's (Calif.)	Grants Pass, Ore.
• c-Elliott, Charles J.	.....	26	240	6:02	0	3	2	Oregon	Eugene, Ore.
• Elston, Arthur W.	.....	29	178	5:11	0	12	3	South Carolina	Toledo, Ohio
• Ehmert, Leonard C.	.....	31	178	5:11	8	13	3	Fordham	Locust Gap, Pa.
• Evansen, Paul	.....	26	240	6:03	0	1	3	Oregon State	San Francisco, Calif.
• Grady, Vasco G.	G	25	210	5:11	14	14	3	Santa Clara	Seattle, Wash.
• Hall, Forrest J.	B	25	155	5:08	5	14	1	Duquesne & U.S.F.	Oil City, Pa.
• Howell, Clarence M.	.....	21	188	6:01	0	12	1	Texas A. & M.	Nacogdoches, Tex.
• Johnson, Bill L.	.....	22	210	6:03	0	5	1	Texas A. & M.	Tyler, Tex.
• Land, Fred	.....	23	220	6:01	0	2	1	Louisiana State	Little Rock, Ark.
• Lillywhite, Verl T.	.....	21	185	5:10	1	14	1	Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.
• Maloney, Norman E.	.....	25	190	6:01	1	14	1	Purdue	Chicago, Ill.
b-Masini, Leonard L.	.....	27	225	6:00	0	2	2	Fresno State	Fresno, Calif.
• Matheson, Riley	.....	32	210	6:03	0	14	1	Texas Mines	Shannon, Tex.
• McCormick, Walter K.	.....	21	215	6:01	0	9	1	Southern California	Visalia, Calif.
• Mike, Robert M.	.....	24	220	6:01	0	14	1	U.C.L.A.	Los Angeles, Calif.
• Perry, Fletcher J.	.....	21	195	6:00	0	14	1	Campton J.C.	Los Angeles, Calif.
• Puddy, Harold M.	.....	23	220	6:03	0	14	1	Oregon State	Hood River, Ore.
• Shoener, Harold P.	.....	23	200	6:03	1	14	1	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
• Strandee, Norman S.	.....	29	245	6:02	13	14	3	Stanford	Laguna Beach, Calif.
• Szrykaliski, John	.....	25	190	5:09	13	14	3	Marquette	Milwaukee, Wis.
• Sullivan, Robert J.	.....	25	190	5:10	0	13	3	Holy Cross	Lowell, Mass.
• Suaoeff, Nick	.....	27	210	6:01 1/2	13	13	3	Washington State	Los Angeles, Calif.
• Vetrano, Joseph G.	.....	26	170	5:09	1	14	3	Mississippi Southern	Neptune, N. J.
• Wallace, Beverly W.	.....	26	180	6:02	0	10	2	Campton J.C.	Hawthorne, Calif.
• Williams, Joel H.	.....	20	215	6:01 1/2	14	14	3	Texas	San Angelo, Tex.
• Woudenberg, John W.	.....	30	225	6:03	14	14	3	Denver	Denver, Colo.

a-Started season with New York

b-Finished season with Los Angeles

• Finished season with club

c-Also played with Chicago

d-Also played with New York and Buffalo





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